(e) whether the Indian Airlines will absorb the rest of the candidates from the said panel;

(f) whether it is a fact that Indian Airlines has invited fresh applications for trainee pilots through employment notification;

(g) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(h) what will be the position of the existing panel in that case?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) A panel of 13 candidates (including 3 SC and 1 ST candidates) valid upto 10-11-1992 is available. The panel has not been operated so far.

(e) to (h) Fresh applications have been invited because Indian Airlines would later on require more pilots than those included in the existing panel. The existing panel will be exhausted before a new one is operated.

Entry of International Airlines in India

4141. SHRI RANJAN PRASAD YADAV: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION & TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of International Airlines are to enter the Indian skies; and

(b) if so, what will be its effect on Air India's prospects?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) The Government of USA has designated two more carriers, namely United Airlines and American Airlines for operation to India. These carriers will certainly increase the competition for Air India, which is examining the feasibility of operating to new points in the USA to meet the challenge.

Working of Security Department of I. A.

4142. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION & TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Security Department of Indian Airlines is functioning under their Administration;

(b) if so, the reasons for putting such sophisticated Security Department under their administration;

(c) whether there is any Director of Security and if so, the reasons for the Security Department not working under his guidance;

(d) what is the tenure of the Director of Vigilance in the Indian Airlines; and

(e) whether the administration has extended his tenure; if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): a) to (c) The Security Department of Indian Airlines functions under the Director of Security who is reporting directly to the Chairman and Managing Director.

(d) and (e) The five year tenure of the present incumbent which was upto 12-7-92, has been extended till his successor joins.